HOLLISTER AIR ATTACK BASE

The Hollister Air Attack Base, established in 1962, is located along the central coast of California, 30 miles south of San Jose in the CDF San Benito-Monterey Unit.

Hollister responds to an average of 150 calls per year. Staff at the base consists of one battalion chief, two fire captains, one fire apparatus engineer, and five firefighters. The complement of aircraft located at Hollister includes one OV-10 Bronco and two S-2T airtankers.

On average, the base pumps about 300,000 gallons of retardant a year. With the base's pumps, three loading

pits and equipment, Hollister has a possible peak output of 60,000 gallons of retardant each day.

The base provides initial attack for an area spanning north to Mt. Diablo, south to Kings Canyon, east to Interstate 5 and west to the ocean. This area includes the Los Padres National Forest.

For information about other air attack bases, visit the <u>Air Program</u> page of the CDF website:
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